

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1647
ANSWERED ON:14.03.2005
IMPORT OF FOREST PRODUCE
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) the item-wise details of import of forest produce during the last three years;
- (b) the reasons for such imports;
- (c) whether the Government is devising a scheme for indigenous alternatives to abovesaid import;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the details of obstacles faced in the development of private forest area;
- (f) whether various legal constraints imposed by the States in the development of private forest area have been reviewed;
- (g) if so, the details thereof;
- (h) whether there is any proposal to enact common guidelines to remove constraints regarding cutting, transporting and marketing of the forest produces through private ownership in various States; and
- (i) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

- (a) The item-wise details of import of forest produce during the last three years are given at Annexure-I.
- (b) The main reasons for such imports are conservation of natural resources and meeting the demand of forest produce without adversely affecting the forest wealth of the country.
- (c)&(d) Plantation of fast growing tree species on the non-forest land is being promoted through agro-forestry and farm-forestry.
- (e) The main constraint in the development of private forest area are:
 - (i) Complexities in the felling and transit rules in respect of trees grown on the private lands.
 - (ii) Inadequacy of availability of financial resources for the purpose.
- (f)&(g) No, Sir. However, in the Conference of State Forest Ministers and officers held on 5-6 August, 2004 the subject was deliberated upon and it was agreed to take steps to encourage agro-forestry in order to bring non-forest lands under tree cover.
- (h) & (i) No, Sir. However, the Ministry of Environment & Forests has requested to various State Governments/UT Administrations to simplify felling and transit rules in respect of trees grown on non-forest lands.

ANNEXURE – I

ANNEXURE IN RESPECT OF PART (a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1647 FOR 14/03/2005 REGARDING IMPORT OF FOREST PRODUCE

Sl.No.	HS Code	Commodity	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
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1. 4401 Fuel wood, in logs Billets in twigs, in 77.11 77.79 297.46
similar forms; wood in chips or Particles;
sawdust and wood waste and scarp, whether
or not agglomerated in logs briquettes
pellets or similar forms

2. 4402 Wood charcoal (including shell or nut 1.98 21.14 62.26
charcoal), whether or not agglomerated

3. 4403 Wood in rough, whether or not striped 243121.28 180542.20 306814.82
of bark/sapwood, or roughly squared

4. 4404 Hoopwood split poles piles pickets and 54.67 22.91 51.78
stakes of wood, pointed but not sawn
lengthwise wooden sticks chipwood roughly
trimmed but not turned, bent or otherwise
worked suitable for the manufacture of
walking sticks, umbrellas, tool handles
or the like, chipwood and the like

5. 4405 Wood wool, wood flour 2.72 33.42 38.54

6. 4406 Railway & tramway sleepers (Crossties) of wood 34.91 882.12 2.28

7. 4407 Wood sawn or chipped lengthwise, sliced or 5273.95 3417.70 5660.08
peeled whether or not planed sanded or
end-jointed, of a thickness exceeding 6 MM

8. 4408 Sheets for veneering (including those 1173.68 1599.34 1655.62
obtained slicing laminated wood), for
plywood or for other similar laminated
wood and other wood, sawn lengthwise
slice or peeled, whether or not plant,
sanded or end-jointed, of a thickness
not exceeding 6MM

9. 4409 Wood (including strips, friezes for parquet 455.35 912.55 966.61
flooring, not assembled) continuously shaped
(tongue grooved, rebated, chamfered,
v-jointed, beaded, moulded, rounded or
the like) along any of its edges/faces
whether or not planed, sanded or end-jointed

10. 1301 Lac; natural gums, resins, 8567.06 8421.39 10271.47
gum-resins & oleoresins.